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We often get mail on which the stamp has never been cancelled. And we sometimes get so-called unused stamps sent in as payment for something, that has no gum. We presume the sender thinks we will regum and use these. Well, to us they are used stamps as we always have the suspicion that some will be uncancelled stamps removed from letters. They show signs of having been washed. So ,too, will stamps show washing that some unfortunate collector of mint has had become stuck together in a humid climate. But when we get such uncancelled, washed stamps from strangers we just can't be convinced that they never saw postal duty.

Fortunately, where we live, climatic conditions are favorable to keeping of mint stamps. We grant it must be a problem to save stamps with gum in certain localities. We also know that gum on stamps, when they get up in years, may be the cause of damage to the stamps in many instances. But a mint stamp without gum is to us something like a person half dressed—both are incomplete and fail to gain our respect.

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Hand and Machine Made Papers of the Canadian Pence Issues 1851 - 59

by G. E. Wellburn, F.R.P.S.L., and E. H. Sullivan

Contrary to general belief very little hand made paper was used in printing the Canada Pence Stamps.

Machine made paper was much cheaper and more readily available. Records show that in 1854 there were no less than 750 paper mills in the United States, some being large mills, with several machines. On the other hand, from 1845 onward, there were only two mills in the whole of North American making hand made paper!

Paper authorities state that there are today probably less than a dozen persons in North America who can tell the difference between hand made and machine made paper by handling it; it is doubtful if there is any one who can tell by the 'handle' whether so small a piece of paper as a stamp is hand or machine made.

Hand Made Paper

Hand made paper is made by dipping a mould, fitted with a deckle or frame, into a vat of pulp. The vatman, with arms fully extended swings the mould down into the vat and brings it out close to his body in an almost horizontal position. He then tilts the mould until the pulp lies fairly evenly, at the same time shaking the mould vigorously from right to left and left to right and towards him and away from him. This 'shake' causes the fibres to intertwine in every conceivable direction. After the shake the vatman lays the mould on a hortizontal draining board and removes the deckle to make another sheet of paper with another mould. The coucher waits until the pulp has dried sufficiently and then props the mould at an angle to let it drain; he then transfers the paper from the mould on to a felt.

This mode of manufacture gives hand made paper the following characteristics: it has no grain; it expands or shrinks in every direction; the laid lines or watermark (if any) are very clear as the paper is in contact with the pattern during the whole period of its manufacture.

Machine Made Paper

The pulp in machine made paper is given a small lateral shake of less than three-quarters of an inch, and the finished paper has a strong grain running in the machine direction. A characteristic of machine made paper is that it shrinks or expands appreciably across the grain. Any watermark is inferior to a similar mark on hand made paper, as the machine impresses the pattern from a light dandy roll which is only momentarily in contact with the paper, as it passes through the rolls of the machine.

It is not possible to make machine made paper resemble hand made paper. It is possible to make hand made paper resemble machine made paper but any vatman who did so would speedily lose his job as hand made paper costs a great deal more to make than machine made.

So we see that the physics of hand

made and machine made papers are very different, and the purpose of this article is to show that it is possible to distinguish one from the other, with quite a high degree of accuracy, and without the aid of any apparatus.

Papers of The Pence Issues

Some issues appear on both machine made and hand made paper so that it is impossible to state definately that any issue was only on one particular make. Taking the issues in their order of appearance:

Laid Paper

This is machine made with the grain at right angles to the laid lines. The difficulty experienced in seeing the laid lines is typcal of machne made paper. There is said to be another paper* with clear laid lines, which is very rare, and it might be hand made.

See Howes Canada: 44.

3d. Wove Papers

Of the 3d beavers on wove paper, the 1852 thin paper, the thin oily paper, the thin paper, rose-red printing, the thick hard and the thick hairy rough are all machine made.

The medium wove is both machine made and hand made.

The thin ribbed paper and the thin soft brittle are hand made. Except for the ribbing these two papers are almost identical in texture, brittleness and colour, and it is very probable they were made by the same vatman from the same pulp, and that one of the moulds gave the paper a ribbed appearance! This is quite the worst paper ever used for Canadian stamps and how such inferior quality ever passed by the printer's buyer is a mystery!

6d. Wove Papers

The writers are still making enquiries about the 6d on thin wove and their findings are almost complete and will be described in a following article.

Of the remaining papers of the 6d imperforates, the medium wove is on both machine and hand made paper; the thick hard is machine made and thick soft is on hand made paper.

The 7½d and 10d

All papers are machine made. The wide stamps are printed across the grain and the narrow ones with the grain.

The ½d

The ½d is on both hand made and machine made paper. The ribbed paper is hand made.

Wide And Narrow Stamps

From 1852 onwards many issues were printed either with or across the grain, which accounts for the variations in height or width of some of 3d, 6d and ½d as well as the 7½ and 10d.

To Distinguish Hand Made And Machine Made Papers

After making several hundred tests the following test was found to be very accurate: The stamp to be tested must be absolutely free from any foreign matter such as gum or old hinges; it must be bone dry; it should be floated on warm water and as soon as it begins to curl (as curl it must, whether it is hand or machine made) it should be removed and placed on a sheet of glass.

If the paper curls parallel to two sides it is almost certainly machine made, but it can only, with certainty, be described as such if the stamp is thoroughly dried and is floated again, this time with the printed side downward. If it still turns on the same axis the paper is definitely machine made. Many of the machine made papers roll into cylinders with the axis parallel to two opposite sides.

Hand made paper never rolls into a cylinder. The curl is very much less pronounced than is the curl of machine made paper; the paper may turn up on any axis or one corner up to all four corners may curl up. The usual curl is on some axis which may be at any angle to the side of the stamp. Rarely the axis is rougly parallel to two opposite sides but if the stamp is dried and floated on its printed face the stamp will usually curl up on a different axis.

Most of the Pence stamps are quite easily tested and there should be little difficulty in distinguishing between the machnie made and hand made papers.

Some stamps, however, are difficult as they are extremely porous —notably the 6d on thick soft paper (the writers have not got sufficient material to guarantee that they have made a correct diagnosis of this

stamp.) When paper is very porous the stamp begins to reverse its curl within a second or two, indicating that it is saturated up to over half its thickness. Such stamps cannot be floated but must be held with tongs and brought into contact with the water for only a fraction of a second; the axis of the curl must be observed before the stamp is laid on any surface as contact with any surface accelerates the reverse curl. If, in spite of these precautions the reverse curl occurs too soon for accurate observation the stamp must be dried and retested.

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JAPAN'S PACIFIC OCCUPATION

(A Review)

It is only now that we are being made aware of the extent of the Japanese philatelic penetration into the Pacific area. If we are to record this phase of the war in our albums there are something like 800 authentic items comprising overprints or definitive stamps used and employed on that great drive South and constituting occupation issues for Hong Kong, Brunei, Burma, Dutch East Indies, Malaya, North Borneo, Philippines and Sarawak. Many of the overprints comprise what are known as "Chops" and are difficult to identify. While some of the stamps are printed in Japanese characters with nothing to indicate the particular country or region for which they were provided. All these and other problems are now solved by the useful catalogue bearing the above title which has been issued by The Oceanic Australian Stamp Co. (Box 10 Kilkenny South Australia) at the modest cost of Two shillings and six pence. The catalogue is fully illustrated and the prices quoted represent present day values as far as can be ascertained—E.G.C.

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CANADIAN TOPICS

BY PHIL ATTS.

AUT SCISSORS AUT ANVIL

I cannot let my April column go by without a word about Alfred F. Lichtenstein of New York who died suddenly on February 24th. I have seen parts of his vast collection on two occasions and as a collector it is little enough to say that he was in a class by himself. I gathered from conversation with him that he had a particular regard for British Columbia, Canada and Prince Edward Island. Two trifling incidents may be of interest to collectors: I have had the somewhat unusual distinction of once over-bidding him at an auctoin sale. On another occasion when he was showing his Twelve Pence at a Canadian stamp club he was asked where he had kept his albums till the evening of the meeting. He said he had put them in one of those Ten Cent lockers at the railway station where they had remained for a couple of days. My meagre contacts with the man showed him to be most kindly. As a collector he not only had the stamps but he knew all about what he had. And just one other incident will close this paragraph. After one of the showings at which I was present someone asked him how much he thought his B.N.A. collection was worth. He took a second look at his inquistor and said "I couldn't answer that question any more than I could place a value on Mrs. Lichtenstein".

Perhaps the chap in the Vancouver postoffice who ran the imperfs through his wife's sewing-machine really did something unconsciously. I would imagine these "Private Perfs" on cover would be a choice item. The cover should be mounted in a page by itself with a picture of the clerk and an advertising clipping illustrating the make of sewing machine. The type of needle used should be attached to the page with two transparent hinges.

The nearest I ever got to anything like the above was a Public Utilities clerk in my home town who bought a packet of stamped envelopes (stationery) in the local P.O. all of which were gummed on the wrong side and folded inside out. Before using them he took them home steamed them apart gummed them (privately) folded them right side out and used them all (before I found out about it).

Of course there is the early New York dealer who showed his wares by means of a board with innumerable nails hung on the wall. His stock was mounted by punching the nail through the stamp and letting the stamp hang there. Somewhat rough and ready—what? Or is it that necessity was the mother of something?

I hear another edition of the well-known "Holmes Handbook" is in the offing. This will be popular news for Canadian collectors.

Quotations—Morocco bound copy of Howes "Canada" listed at $100.00. Howes is a very scarce book but almost indispensable for the Canadian student. The ordinary edition is seen occasionally quoted at a much more moderate figure.

You have seen these jewellers poring into the interior of the back of a watch with a glass held in the eye with a black conical piece of plastic. I have found this just about the best kind of glass for the examination of stamps. They cost round $2.00 and are well worth the money.

As expected someone writes to ask what is "Plowman's Folly". Well, it is a book son. And a very radical book too, but I assure you without a tint of "red". 'Twas written a few years ago by an agricultural professor in the Western U.S.A. to decry the traditional method of plowing land. One friend of mine tried it but is still non-committal. What has it to do with stamps? Not a thing.

Sixty years ago—"The Halifax Philatelist" notes the duplicate collection of Mr. J. M. Chute (of Boston) sold by The Scott Stamp and Coin Co. Chute is a name which figures in many of the exchanges with S. Allan Taylor. I would like to know more about Chute. Who can help?

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This Post Office shown here, was discovered by the writer some 35 years ago at a place that practically did not exist, near Oyama, which is about midway between Kelowna and Vernon, named Alvaston.

I think it takes first place as the smallest "Post Office" Canada ever had.

You can almost guage the size of the packing case, which constituted the "Post Office", from my height, standing beside it. I would say at a good guess that it was:—Front 2 ft., 3 inches high, back 2 ft. 9 inches high, width 1 ft. 8 inch.

On raising the lid of the packing case, my friend and I discovered a tea caddy containing about a dollar's worth of stamps. The few persons who used this "Post Office" were supposed to help themselves and deposit the money for the stamps taken which were few. The privilege was never abused so far as I know, and the mail was cleared by a stage driver in the horse and buggy days, whenever he happened to be passing. The man in the picture (although his friends may not know it) is the writer.—R. M. Angus.

NEW ISSUES . . . by Red Eagle

The following new issues have been reported from Toronto.

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TORONTO STAMP COLLECTORS' CLUB NOTES

At the annual meeting of the Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club held on Thursday evening March 20th in the Royal York Hotel, the following officers were elected for the 1947-48 season commencing April 1st. President, Walter S. Bayley; Treasurer, Harold R. Lambe; Secretary, Charles F. Foster; Directors: Leslie A. Davenpot, A. Earl Edwards, W. Norman Fox, W. G. Malcolm, Clifford R. Shorney.

Secretary Charles F. Foster displayed his collection of 5c Beavers, the high light of which was a complete list of the Four Ring numeral Cancellation from No. 1 to No. 52 less No. 9 which was never allotted. He prefaced his remarks on the stamps themselves by an outline of the early fur trade of the country in which the beaver played such an important part in the economy of the nation. It was therefore very appropriate that Sir Sanford Fleming should use a picture of the beaver as a design for the first stamp issued in Canada.

Canada's Last Victorian Issues

Some of the following are seldom advertised now. We still have a few to offer. "Superb" condition is seldom obtained. "FINE" are really that. "AVERAGE" are not heavily cancelled. "DEFECTS" are for the most part, off centre too much to be average, but all are good value.

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56	8c	1.25	1.00	.75	.40	1.00	.75	.50	.25
57	10c	1.75	1.50	1.00	.40	1.75	1.35	1.00	.25
58	15c	2.50	2.25			2.50	2.00	1.50	.50
59	20c	2.75	2.25			2.50	2.00	1.50	.50
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	2c Violet					.10	.05	.03	
77	2c Red		.25			.05	.01	.01	
78	3c Red		.30			.05	.03	.01	
79	5c					.10	.08	.04	
80	6c					1.50	1.25	1.00	.25
81	7c		1.00	.75					
82	8c					1.00	.75	.60	.10
83	10c					.50	.40	.25	.05
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86	2c Blue	.35	.25	.15	.05	.15	.10	.08	
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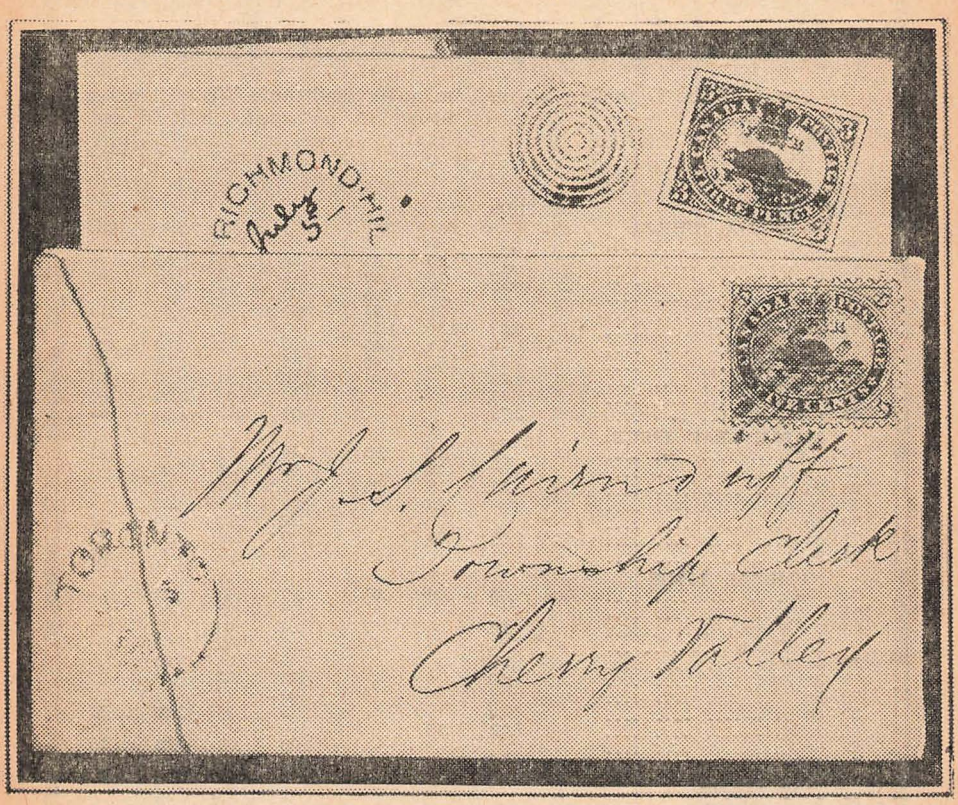

A. L. OF P. S. MAKES TRIP TO BOSTON

March 21st, first day of spring, Popular Stamps Editor left Cobden on a long-contemplated trip to Boston. There was still a foot or two of snow and four-foot snowbanks when he left Cobden—it was mostly all there when he returned, ten days later—sample of one of the most persistent winters here for years, and a near blizzard that brought more snow around March 25th. At Boston there hadn't been snow for over a month—they, however, report a minimum of snow having prevailed there this year.

That we took a trip to Boston doesn't entitle us to occupy space in P.S. that otherwise should accommodate a philatelic article, but the make-up man tells us we're short of such and he wants something quick, and in a hurry. Well, here goes—

We've been provincial. Never travelled in the States much—last time 25 years ago. All we knew about Boston is that it is a great seat of learning, numerous families date back into antiquity and that there was once an historical event there known as the "Boston Tea Party"—and our daughter had asked us to bring her a package of Canadian pack tea when we came. Thinking of the Boston Tea Party we were somewhat concerned until we passed customs as to whether we could make Boston with a cargo of tea or not. We did. But before we made Boston (we came in at night) a young lady pointed out a monument showing in the glow of electric lights and said it commemorated the Battle of Bunker Hill and supposed we knew about that. We did. From

North Station we were taken to Lexington, beautiful suburban city or town. We were shown the statues of Minute-Men, the approximate location of the Battle of Lexington, the old trees on the boulevards, said to contain bullets from that long-ago battle. And pointed out were streets along which Paul Revere was said to have made that most famous of rides. All to the good! Traditions and historic events should be marked and remembered forever .

The Pic. is not us; just someone well fed and happy

To us, two electric signs in downtown Boston—small—but reminiscent of culinary delights were more intriguing, "Parker House" and "Porter House." Seems to us we read somewhere that it was long-ago Boston boarding house ladies who made famous Parker House Rolls and Porter House Steaks. We thought of the old-time sailing ships and coffee houses as we stood by the bay. Passing by Harvard we appreciated the delight that Harvard men take in recalling their classes therein. And back to thoughts of the gourmet were restaurant windows displaying various sea foods from live, breathing lobsters to the same crustacean processed and in rosy pink hue already for the diner.

Aw—skip it. This should satisfy the make-up. Just one parting observation you pleasant, happy and bustling Bostonians, from counter-jumper to blue blood, we did get a kick out of the way some of you slur your "r's" and say "cah" for car, and "chauch" for church, and that cheerful little brunette in the novelty store who rolled her affirmatives and said "Yawh" for yes.

BILESKI PHILATELIC MAPS

Our thanks to K. Bileski, Winnipeg for copies of the Canada and Poland philatelic title pages, also a set of the philatelic maps. The beauty of the Poland title page is all that has been said about it, but as a magazine devoted to Canada our word is for the Canada title page. Carrying Dominion and Provincial Coats of Arms in colour it is a beautiful piece. That Wolfe and Montcalm should be pictured is but fitting as also the Northwest Mounted Police and the native Indian. Emblematic flowers and leaves are nicely incorporated. We like the entire piece very much.

The title page for Canada, in the series being put out by K. Bileski, Station B, Winnipeg, Canada, has been received. Like the U.S. title page, which was first in the series, this is a magnificent work of art and beauty, worthy of any collector's album. The price of $2.10 is a trifle when the real value of such a work of charm is considered. The U.S. page is $1.10, all others $2.10, but for the first eleven, the cost is $2.10, and if paid in advance, one page is autographed by the artist. Next page to be issued will be Poland.—"Stamps".

THE NEW BELL STAMP FROM CANADA

(From Linn's Weekly Stamp News, Sidney, Ohio.)

When the Alexander Graham Bell Stamp for Canada was first proposed there was some doubt expressed as to the claim that Canada might have for honoring this great inventor who had previously been claimed as one of the Famous Americans as indicated by the use of his portrait on our Famous American Inventors Series of Stamps. It appears however that a man of such great inventive genius as Alexander Graham Bell may rightfully be honored by many countries for his invention of the Telephone, is one of the great wonders of the past century. Regardless of what claims any country may have on this man, it has been seen fitting by Canada that they honor him on the 100th anniversary of his birth, which was done on March 3, by the issue of a splendid stamp commemorating this great inventor.

The point we want to bring out is

that prior to the issue of this stamp, and due to opinion based on advance pictures of the stamp, Canadian newspapers were raving over the appearance of the stamp and condenming it in many ways for lack of beauty, lack of or over abundance of detail and illustration on the stamp. It was raked over the coals in no uncertain terms by many newspapers in Canada.

Since the stamp has appeared, we feel certain that any or all of those scribes who took pot shots at the stamp will be ready to forget (if they can) what they had to say about the stamp and will concur in the opinion that this is truly an attractive and beautiful stamp. The portrait of Bell is excellent, stands out over and above all other parts of the stamp, the female figure standing atop the world is secondary to the portrait and thus fits nicely into the picture as a whole. The telephone poles which writers poked fun at are so faint and fade away into the background to such an extent that they are barely noticeable and thus not objectionable.

The name of the country, "CANADA" and the denomination and value are harmonious and to top off the whole design we have a stamp with the appearance of being attached by four minute art corners to the letter or album page. The color is lovely, and the stamp as a whole is a credit to the engravers and certainly a memorial and a credit to Alexander Graham Bell.

P.O. SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS

by Walter Purkis.
6079 West Boulevard, Vancouver, B.C.

As usual during recent years there was little new or of interest in slogan cancellations at the end of year, sole exception being that Toronto adopted a new one for the sale of Christmas seals.

Recently however, there have been many. We note four new "EVENT" slogans having been used: "WINTER CARNIVAL / SUDBURY / FEB. 6-8-1947" "GALT OLD BOYS /REUNION / JUNE—20-28-47" from Ontario; "MANITOBA / WINTER FAIR / Mar.-31APR. 3-1947" from Brandon, Man., "CALGARY EXHIBITION and STAMPEDE JULY-7-12-1947".

What appears as a town using a slogan for the first time is Bracebridge, Ont. with "SAVE TIME (Aeroplane) USE AIR MAIL" in full box type. The date of our copy is Feb. 26. We shall be very glad of more information regarding new slogans from small Eastern towns, for the West our records appear complete.

Toronto uses a new Slogan, "BE—A / GOOD SCOUT / GIVE" Quebec re-uses the slogan first introduced last year, "DONNON / AUX OEUVRES / LET US GIVE / TO CHARITY.

"BUY and USE / CRIPPLED CHILDREN / EASTER SEALS," has been noted from Toronto and St. Catherines, Ont., so far. It will probably be used in many other towns and is the first time that Easter seals have been mentioned on Post Office Slogans. There appears to be two different seals used in Canada this year, one in British Columbia and one in Ontario—are there any more?

"HELP / THE / RED CROSS" in one standard full box type has so far been noted from Calgary, Edmonton, Hamliton, Lethbridge, London, Moncton, Ottawa, Saskatoon, Vancouver, Victoria and Windsor, and the Bi-lingual slogan from Quebec City only.

The only "OBSERVE SUNDAY" slogans noted this year have been the Bi-lingual forms from Montreal, Quebec. Shawnigan Falls and Trois Rivieres.

COLLECTION FEATURES
ANIMALS

New York, March 21.—Philatelists with a fondness for the animal kingdom should get acquainted with "Carla's zoo", which is believed the world's most nearly complete collection of postage stamps bearing the pictures of animals. The collection made by late Carla Pelander of New York, now is on display in the heads and horns museum gallery in New York's zoological park.

FOND OF ACQUATIC SPORT

March 31st while waiting between trains in Montreal we had a few minutes to run over and visit Mr. Chris. H. Goulden of Century Stamp Co. Perhaps you would expect us to talk about stamps, but with stamps and stamp magazine publishing being daily occupations with us we rested from that to spend a few minutes talking about the great outdoors and some hinterland lakes in Quebec Province. During that time we learned that Mr. Goulden took a great interest in swimming and swimming clubs and that he has been identified with a great many swimming meets held during the past fifty years. Sorry our visit had to be so short.

Again we wish to thank our stamp friends for remembering us with First Day covers of new issues. We appreciate these and take this means of acknowledging them in case we may have missed someone with a personal acknowledgement.

There seems a possibility that Canada may fall in line with the U.S. and reduce its airmail rate to five cents. A rumour is current that consideration is being given issuing stamps to commemorate the 80th anniversary of Confederation July 1st, but we are not taking this seriously until something. more concrete than a rumour is forthcoming.

TO BE AT CENTENARY

Next month many Canadians will be in New York for the Centenary proceedings in connection with 100 years of U.S.A. stamps. Among dealers on the bourse will be J. N. Sissons of Toronto, and we have met a number of collectors who are planning to be there. The centenary of the first adhesive postage stamp occuring during the war England was unable to observe the event, thus Great Britain and other countries join the Americans in their centenary.

WANTED—Old Canadian Stamp magazines and handbooks. What have you to swap or sell? write before sending. A. L. McCready, Cobden, Ont., Canada. 8-tf

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We would like to express our deepest appreciation to retiring officers who have worked so hard with us for many years and especially during the recent splurge from lowness in numbers to our present strong position.

We refer to Messrs. Herbert Buckland, W. T. Cafley, and our Vice Pres., Carl Jennings. These three officers have done noble work for the Society. There is no doubt, we shall miss their presence at Future Director's meetings. We are sure that as continuing members of the Society we can always count on their solid support because we still have bigger things to accomplish.

One thing has been realized, and that is, your directors for 1947-48 will consist of a strong representation speaking provincially. The eight directors nominated, which automatically become elected represent various affiliated clubs throughout the Dominion including Manitoba, British Columbia, and farther points in Ontario. The writer happens to be the only resident of Toronto, on the Board of Directors.

We would like to commend the work of our sales manager, who has a headache of a job and getting part of the commission on sales is jolly well entitled to it.

May we congratulate the Brantford Club on the fine job they have done in servicing the "Bell" First-day Covers. We believe the Society's orders amounted to 10,000 covers which meant a swell piece of work by our Brantford friends. We shall meet you at the Annual Meeting.

What is for the future? We hardly know at the present time, but, you may rest assured, that, with this new representation things are bound to hum and C.P.S. is sure to broaden its activities resulting in a still larger body of members.

CYRIL WOODHEAD, Pres.

EARLY PRECAUTIONS AGAINST COUNTERFEITING

The Postal Departments of various countries took more elaborate measures to prevent counterfeiting during the early days of stamp issuing than has been the case since.

Silk threads were woven into the paper for the Mulready envelopes and letter sheets by Great Britain, evidently with this objective in mind; and this practise was continued with the first issue of stamped envelopes in 1841, the two pence blue of the 1841 issue, showing silk threads running through the corner of the envelope and the stamp design.

Another plan used by some German States and the Dutch Indies was to print two or more lines of inscription across the corner of the envelope, running through the stamp.

Still a third device was the printing of an embossed official seal or tress on the back of envelopes. This plan was used by a number of countries over a considerable period of time and often in connection with one of the other two methods.

PAPER HARD TO GET

While we have our paper for Popular Stamps ordered a year ahead and budgeted for delivery quarterly we find it as difficult to secure paper stocks now as when it was rationed during the war. There isn't sufficient to go around and guarantee anyone having a backlog. Our first delivery in 1947 was six weeks late. This quarter it looks as if it will be worse than that, and may make us late with next issue. In fact we had to borrow, at the last minute, to complete this issue. This announcement is all by way of advising readers not to be alarmed if we are held up a week or so for paper and thus behind with the next few issues of P.S. Give us a bit of leeway before writing in about non-arrival of copies.

Incidently the paper shortage has precluded long over-runs and our supply of copies for sample copies or extras is necessarily limited. This will explain sending of specimen copies to those requesting same that may be back numbers of recent months that are still available. Our regular and incoming new subscribers have first call on current issue.

Reginald Calder has been elected president of the Calgary Stamp Collectors' Club. Mrs. Alice Rushton was elected secretary-treasurer, and elected to the executive were: David B. Robertson, Edward Lynn, W. J. E. Wyllie, W. R. Norton and W. J. Clathon.

The annual spring auction sale catalog of Toronto Stamp Collector's Club has been received. This event takes place in Private Dining Room No. 7 of the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Thursday, April 24th, preview at 7 p.m. and sale at 8 p.m. There are many fine items included in the offerings which cover the entire field of B.N.A.

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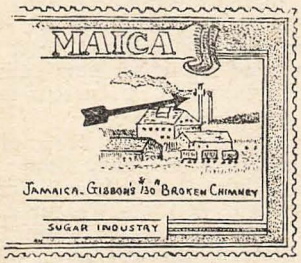

Sketch #189—Jamaica Gibbons #130c illustrates the Broken Chimney variety. Loaned us by Mrs. A. W. Horne.

Sketch #190—Canada Scott's No. 44 shows re-entry under numeral "5" and letters of the word "Cents."

CENTENARY EXHIBITION

Word at present indicates that the United States is becoming very conscious of stamps and stamp collecting due to the emphasis and display given to news releases and stories about stamps that are being featured in the daily press. It is very apparent that enthusiasm for the Centenary Exhibition in New York in May is increasing among collectors, and also business enterprises, who are cashing in on the publicity value of anything so important.

When non-philatelists have their curiosity piqued by a little label, and then go to the trouble of writing in order to discover what the shooting is for—that's news!

Hardly a day goes by that someone doesn't write asking about the Centenary International Philatelic Exhibition which opens in New York at Grand Central Palace on May 17th "because I saw that little poster on an envelope."—Linn's Weekly Stamp News.

NEARLY SIXTY YEARS AGO

Items from "Dominion Philatelist" of 1889.

C.P.A. membership listed at 169 and 10 applications.—Jan. 1889.

We like the tone of President Hechler's inauguial address (C.P.A.), and wish him a successful term of office.—Feb. 1889.

A letter bearing the following address recently passed through the Peterborough P.O.:—

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In view of the delays which have held up the issue of Southern Rhodesia's Victory stamps, it has been decided to withhold them until May. Instead, the issue commemorating the Royal Visit to the Colony will be put on sale on April 1. The Victory stamps will be issued on the anniversary of VE-Day, May 8, and, provided stocks last, will be withdrawn on the Saturday before the Day of Remembrance, which this year is Sunday, November 9.

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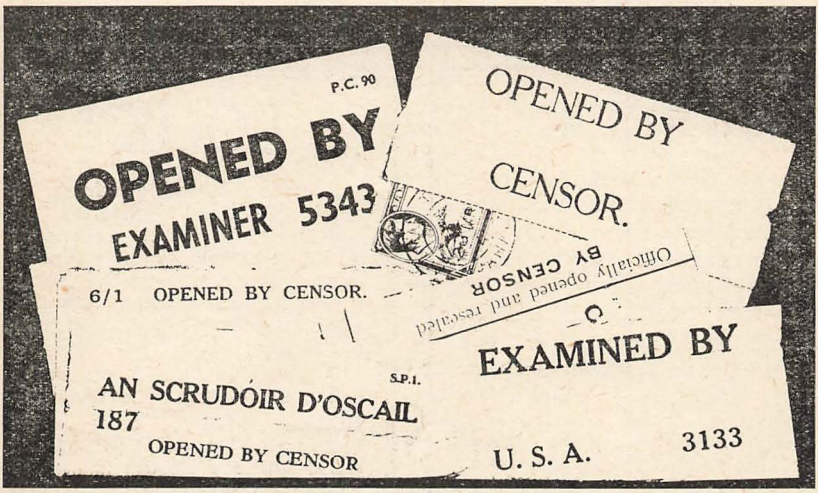

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The Grand River Valley Philatelic Association met in a joint session with the Kitchener Club as hosts in the Y.M.C.A. at Kitchener. Over 50 members were present. Asher Borth, president, in charge of the meeting. The Guelph Stamp Club extended an invitation to be present at their Exhibition, to be held Saturday, May 10th, afternoon and evening in the Y.M.C.A. at Guelph.

A clever novelty skit with W. Allendorf as narrator and W. Erbach, A. Borth, and G. Vogt taking part. This skit "An Evening With the Stamp Club", was much enjoyed.

Featuring the evenings entertainment was a silent auction.

Draws were won by H. Norton, Guelph; B. Petkew, Kitchener; Miss J. Spalinger; Mrs. Wm. Erbach, and Mrs. A. S. Fuller.

Tasty refreshments were served by the Kitchener ladies at the conclusion of the meeting. The next meeting is to be held in Galt, April 22nd, The London Stamp Culb accepting an ivnitation to visit the Association.

SO IT'S TOLD

Years ago, a Wisconsin Indian squaw, the mother of several boys, was presented with another boy on the next visit of the stork. Some traders and trappers met the squaw some days later and enquired about the newly arrived youngster, "She's a boy again," said the squaw, and to this day the spot where that happened is known as Sheboygan, Wisc.

Well, that's the story according to Harry Weiss, Editor of Weekly Philatelic Gossip. Yes, there is such a place; have checked it with a Gazetteer. Thought you'd like to hear about it in case, like myself, you are interested in curious names and postmarks.—Philatelic Magazine, London, Eng.

The Ottawa Philatelic Society entertains at a dinner, April 10th in honor of Robson Lowe, distinguished authority on postage stamps, who is visiting Canada and the U.S. during March, April and May.

New Issues of British Empire (List 55)

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(8) Ascension, ½d-1s ..... .61
(10) Bahamas, ½d-1s ..... .82
(1) Bahamas, NEW, 10d ..... .23
(8) Barbados, ½d-1s ..... .70
(1) Barbados, NEW, 8d ..... .18
(8) Basutoland, ½d-1s ..... .61
(8) Bechuanaland, ½d-1s ..... .61
(7) Br. Guiana, 1c-24 ..... .52
(8) Br. Solomon, ½d-1s ..... .56
(13) Burma JAP OCCUPATION ..... .77
(9) Cayman, ¼d-1s ..... .60
(7) Cooks, ½d-1s ..... .55
(9) Cyprus, ¼p-9p ..... .74
(9) Dominica, ¼d-1s ..... .60
(8) E. Africa Forces, 1d-1s ..... .82
(8) Falk. Dep., ½d-1s ..... .77
(6) Falkland, ½d-1s ..... .70
(1) Falkland Air Rate, 1/3 ..... .32
(1) Fiji Air Rate, 1/5 ..... .33
(8) Gambia, ½d-1s ..... .62
(1) Gambia Air Rate, 1/3 ..... .33
(7) Gibraltar, ½d-1s ..... .56
(9) Gilberts, ½d-1s ..... .58
(9) Gold Coast, ½d-1s ..... .78
(1) G. Coast Air Rate, 1/3 ..... .33
(9) Grenada, ¼d-1s ..... .58
(8) Jamaica 1938, ½d-1s ..... .75
(9) Leeward, ¼d-1s ..... .58
(10) Malta, ¼d-1s ..... .95
(9) Mauritius, 2c-1r ..... .67
(8) Montserrat, ½d-1s ..... .57
(5) M. East Forces cpl., 1d-5d ..... .28
(8) M. East Forces, 1d-1s ..... .86
(7) Niue, ½d-1s ..... .55
(1) Nigeria Air Rate, 1/3 ..... .38
(8) N. Rhodesia, ½d-1s ..... .61
(9) Nyasaland, ½d-1s ..... .78
(12) Palestine, 2m-50m ..... .70
(8) Pitcairn cpl., ½d-2/6 ..... 1.15
(8) S. Leone, ½d-1s ..... .61
(1) S. Leone Air Rate, 1/3 ..... .35
(10) Seychelles, 2c-1r 1.05
(9) Somaliland, ½d-1r 1.20
(8) Swaziland, ½d-1s ..... .61
(9) S. Helena, ½d-1s ..... .76
(8) S. Vincent, ½d-1s ..... .58
(1) S. Vincent, NEW, 2½d ..... .08
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The Allan Charlesworth Trophy for best frame went to Charles F. Foster with his display of 1868 Canada Covers. Winners in the various classes were, Mrs. Arnold M. Walker, Walter P. Carter, David Barclay, Harry Burchard, Herbert Buckland and Bill Cafley.

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An item under the above title from the Hartford Times Supplement of January 24, 1884, reads as follows:

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METER NOTES & NEWS

By M. L. Brown, Rutland, Sask.

In looking back over last year several meter slogans are of interest. From Vancouver comes a fine slogan on the cities diamond jubilee which reads "1886 Vancouver 1946 Diamond Jubilee June 30 to July 1". Another one from the west reads "Business is Moving to B.C." and shows a large van travelling.

The need of those not so fortunate is portrayed on several slogans. "No Finer Cause No Greater Need—Crippled Children—" from Montreal on Meter 84790 and two types of Christmas seal slogans used by many concerns from various cities "Fight Tuberculosis Buy Christmas Seals" with a picture of a 1946 T.B. seal and "Buy X-Mas Seals" also with T.B. seal. Another slogan used widely was "Support Your Red Feather Services". e

Travel now that the war is over is expressed once again by Meter 82591 from Montreal with the words "Florida by Bus" with a picture of a new streamlined bus. Others are "Canadian Pacific Spans the World" and "Canadian Pacific Hotels Your Host Across Canada" both on meter 140305 used in Montreal.

I have a new type meter reading Meter-Compteur CC-No. 40002 which was used at Renfrew, Ontario. It is the same design as was used by National Postal Meter Co. on their meters numbered N.P.M. 9922 and 9923 except that it has the letters C.C. in place of N.P.M. indicating to me that the National Postal Meter Co. has now been taken over by the Commercial Control Corporation. Has anyone any further information? Also hope you will give me any other notes and news which might be of interest to meter collectors.

This year according to my records marks the twentieth year of meter slogans in Canada. The first one known was used in May 1927 on the Midget type meter on number 365 and advertises an "Ostermoor Mattress". Other slogans are known from July on of the same year.

TEN YEARS AGO

We learn from the Daily Mail that the latest form of mania that has struck Paris is a form of hat for women which, being decorated with postage stamps, is, for some reason or other which we are unable to fathom, called "The Philatelist Hat." Inanity is of course common in female fashions, but we have seldom seen anything quite so witless as this. It is to be hoped that the fashion will not spread beyond the country of orgin.—From "Stamp Collecting" of October 24th, 1936.

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Having been born in Belleville I knew him personally very well. He had a great deal of patience with boys of my age in the early nineties, and many times we looked with anticipation for the arrival of the Peterborough train after school.

He was mail clerk on this train at the time, and many times there would be half a dozen of us waiting at his house gate when he got to his home. Many a Belleville boy obtained his first lesson in Philately from Mr. Ketcheson.

Before moving to Toronto in 1896, I acted as his agent at Peterborough for a year while attending the Collegiate there and sold his packets and approvals. I also had one of his very nice albums on the cover of which he had stamped my name in gold letters. Mr. Fred Osborne, who has been Mayor of Caglary a couple of times, and who used to work in Scantlebury's Book Store in Belleville, I believe is a brother-in-law. —Edwin D. Conger, Mercoal, Alta.

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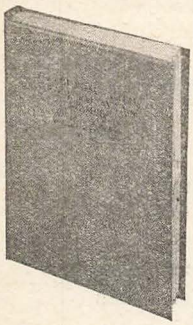

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Linn's Weekly Stamp News, Sidney, Ohio, has raised its subscription price from 50c to $1.00 per year. The journal is now twice the size that it used to be.

Since conclusion of the war, and particularly in recent months, exchange copies of stamp journals are coming in to Popular Stamps from various foreign countries. We recognize the courtesy custom of exchanging publications but frankly we would have to be a linguist of some proportions if we were to be able to enjoy more than the pictures in many of them.

Mr. B. K. Denton, Past President of Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club, is leaving shortly for Bombay, India, where he will be stationed. A farewell dinner is being held for him April 12th at the Old Mill on the Humber.

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The Hungarian Postal Administration issued on March 15th a new set of postage stamps for current use called "Liberty serie." The stamps are printed on white watermarked paper by means of the latticed photogravure method. Size: 22x26 mm. Value are 8, 10, 12, 20, 30, 40 and 60 filler, and 1, 2 and 4 forint.

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